

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.

Application No.: Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/820,231,
filed March 18, 1997

Filed: On even date herewith

For: STRUCTURE BODY OF RAILWAY VEHICLE

Art Group in Parent: 3635

Examiner in Parent: R. Canfield

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 23, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents cited in connection with a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 08/820,231, filed March 18, 1997.

Since the listed documents were cited in connection with prior Application No. 08/820,231, which is being relied upon under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified Divisional application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

Note that various of the listed documents, which were previously submitted in Application No. 08/820,231, are discussed in Information Disclosure Statements submitted in No. 08/829,231. Reference to these Information Disclosure Statements

for discussions in connection with, for example, references not in English, is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.35255VX7).

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William I. Solomon", written over a horizontal line.

William I. Solomon
Reg. No. 28,565

Attachments: Form PTO-1449

WIS/dlt/led
Tel.: (703) 312-6600
Fax: (703) 312-6666

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | Complete if Known | |
| | | Application Number | Not Assigned Yet |
| | | Filing Date | On even date herewith |
| | | First Named Inventor | AQTA, KINYA |
| | | Art Unit | 3635 |
| | | Examiner Name | R. Canfield |
| Sheet 1 of 2 | Attorney Docket Number | 503.35255VX7 | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner Initials' | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | | |
| | | US-5,388,529 | 1995 | | Tieberghlen et al. | |
| | | US-5,979,742 | 1999 | | Enomoto et al. | |
| | | US-3,849,871 | 1974 | | Kaunitz | |
| | | US-5,794,835 | 1998 | | Colligan, et al. | |
| | | US-5,460,317 | 1995 | | Thomas, et al. | |
| | | US-5,140,913 | 1982 | | Takeichi, et al. | |
| | | US-5,098,007 | 1992 | | Tsuruda, et al. | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Examiner Initials' | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
| | | Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | | JP 57-112813 | 1980 | | | |
| | | JP 54-11250 | 1979 | | | |
| | | JP 7-266068 | 1995 | | | |
| | | JP 10-216964 | 1998 | | | |
| | | JP 60-166177 | 1985 | | | |
| | | JP 51-111925 | 1975 | | | |
| | | JP 6-156272 | 1994 | | | |
| | | JP 7-33016 | 1996 | | | |
| | | JP 0 579 500 A1 | 1994 | | | |
| | | WO 93/10935 | 1993 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449B/PTO | | Complete if Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) | | Application Number | Not Assigned Yet |
| | | Filing Date | On even date herewith |
| | | First Named Inventor | AOTA, KINYA |
| | | Group Art Unit | 3635 |
| | | Examiner Name | R. Canfield |
| | | Attorney Docket Number | 503.35255VX7 |
| Sheet | 2 | of | 2 |

| OTHER PRIOR ART—NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published | T ² |
| | | Friction Stir Process Welds Aluminum Alloys, Welding Journal, American Welding Society, Vo. 75, No. 3 (1996) | |
| | | Light Metal Welding Vol. 33, No. 7, pp. 19-26 (1995) | |
| | | Two Prints dated June 23, 1993 showing details from a video from the Welding Institute | |
| | | Verksstadnera Nr 2, pp. 32 and 34 (1996) | |
| | | Advanced Materials & Processes, pp. 22-23, (1993) | |
| | | Metalworking Technology Europe, Sterline Publication, pp. 143-145, (1994) | |
| | | An Introduction to Friction Stir Welding and its Development, by CJ Dawes, Welding & Metal Fabrication, pp. 13-16, (1995) | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.